

RECIPROCITY UPDATE

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES

Residents of countries that are signatories to the 1949 United Nations Convention on Road Traffic may drive in this country if they have a valid license from their country of residence. An international driving permit is not required (see Treaties and International Acts, section 2487 and US Treaties 3 UST 3008). For licenses that are not in English, an interpreter may be required to determine the license's validity.

Courts and law enforcement should not seize and destroy foreign driver licenses pursuant to Section 625g.

Besides the United States, listed here are the countries that honor international driving permits.

Contracting States Which Honor International Driving Permits (Convention on Road Traffic, United Nations, Geneva 1949) as of October 2003.

Afghanistan*	Dominican Rep.	Lebanon	Sao Tome & Principe*
Albania*	Ecuador	Lesotho	Saudi Arabia*
Algeria	Egypt	Liberia*	Senegal
Andorra	El Salvador*	Libya	Seychelles
Angola*	Ethiopia*	Liechtenstein*	Sierra Leone
Antigua	Fiji	Luxembourg	Singapore
Argentina*	Finland	Macao*	South Africa
Australia	France (including French Overseas Territories)	Madagascar	Spain
Austria	French Polynesia	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Bahamas	Gabon	Malaysia	St. Lucia
Bahrain*	Gambia	Mali	St. Christopher
Bangladesh*	Germany	Malta	St. Vincent & The
Barbados	Ghana	Mauritania*	Grenadines
Belgium	Gibraltar	Mauritius	Sudan
Belize	Greece	Mexico*	Suriname
Benin*	Grenada	Monaco	Swaziland
Bermuda **	Guatemala	Montserrat**/**	Sweden
Bhutan*	Guernsey	Morocco	Switzerland
Bolivia*	Guinea-Bissau*	Mozambique*	Syria
Botswana	Guinea*	Namibia*	Taiwan
Brazil	Guyana	Nepal*	Tanzania
Brunei*	Haiti	Netherlands	Thailand
Bulgaria	Honduras*	Nevise & Anguilla**/**	Togo
Burma*	Hong Kong	New Caledonia	Trinidad & Tobago
Cambodia	Hungary	New Zealand	Tunisia
Canada	Iceland	Nicaragua*	Turkey
Cape Verde Islands*	Indonesia*	Niger	Uganda
Caymans Islands	Iran*	Norway	United Arab Emirates*
Central African Rep.	Ireland	Oman*	United Kingdom
Chad*	Israel	Panama	Upper Volta (Burkina Faso)*
Chile	Italy	Papua New Guinea	Vatican City
Colombia*	Ivory Coast	Peru	Venezuela
Congo	Jamaica	Paraguay	Vietnam
Costa Rica*	Japan	Philippines	Western Samoa
Cuba	Jersey	Poland	Yemen*
Curacao	Jordan	Portugal	Yugoslavia
Cyprus	Kenya*	Qatar*	Zaire
Czech Rep	Korea Rep.	Romania	Zambia
Denmark	Kuwait*	Russia*	Zimbabwe
Djibouti*	Laos	Rwanda	
Dominica**/**		San Marino	

*Not part of 1949 Convention: International Driving Permit Honored.

**U.S. Driver license and International Driving Permit recognized on presentation to local police and payment of Special Registration Fee upon arrival.

***Contracting States Which Honor Inter-American Driving Permits (Convention on Regulation of Inter-American Motor Vehicle Traffic of American States, Washington, D.C. 1943) as of June 1993.

SPECIAL RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Under MCL 257.302a, the department must publish a list of countries whose residents need not obtain a Michigan license to operate a vehicle in this state based on a special agreement, provided they are licensed in their country of residence and they do not receive compensation for vehicle operation. These special agreements allow Michigan residents whose employment requires them to travel in foreign countries to obtain foreign driving privileges and licenses at reduced rates. **Currently only France and Germany are on this list.**